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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

SUBJECT: DCMC Headquarters Bi-Monthly Video TeleConferences
(VTC)

Over the past year DCMC Headquarters has presented a series of two-hour informational VTCs to the field Commands. They were conducted on a bi-weekly basis between March and September 1996, and covered a host of topics related to Command initiatives and acquisition reform hot issues.


Our original plan was to restart them in January/February 1997, after assessing their value and effectiveness. To this end we have collected informal feedback from the field, and conducted a more formal survey of the CAO Commanders.

The outcome of our assessment, based on all the feedback, is that the VTCs were informative and filled an immediate need for regular and frequent communications between HQ and Field. However, they are a costly communications channel, in terms of facilities, travel requirements and uneven access across our organization. Also, we have made huge strides over the past year in our email and World Wide Web connectivity and access. As was pointed out in the feedback we received; much of the material presented in the VTCs is now available, in more detail, via the DCMC Home Page.

On this basis, we have decided to suspend further VTCs indefinitely.

"Intra-DCMC Communications" remains an important, ongoing concern with the Command. We will continue to improve our electronic communications. We have a rapidly maturing IOA process which will provide a rich vein of information for all of us. We remain committed to continuation of Town Hall briefings, Commander's Conferences and other forums for getting the word out.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at (703) 767-2411, DSN 427-2411, or send me an email: jill_pettibone@hq.dla.mil.



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